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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	M Rachuba	3723	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 19 September 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>10/14/03</u> .	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____.
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 5, and 11-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by JP08-155945. Please refer to figures 1 and 2 and their descriptions, especially paragraphs [0029].

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

5. Claims 2-4 and 6-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 08-155945 in view of Tagnon 3,631,637. '945 discloses the claimed invention except for each of the retaining members having a spheroid connection for slantingly retaining the lens, the connection provided with a movable portion which enables the lens to be slanted and adjusted when the lens retaining member hold the lens with a clamping force in a setting range smaller than a predetermined value, and maintains the lens in a slanted state by being fixed by a friction when the lens retaining members hold the lens with the clamping force of over the predetermined value. '637, in a lens holding and clamping device, teaches providing at least one of the retaining member with a spheroid connection having a moveable portion which enables the lens to be slanted and adjusted when clamped with a force less than a predetermined value, and maintains the lens in a slanted state with a clamping force over the predetermined value. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill to have provided '945 with the spheroid connections taught by '637, figure 1 and column 1, lines 57-67, to properly position the lens and eliminate the asymmetry of forces exerted on the lens so the lens can be properly processed.

6. Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 08-155945 in view of Shibate US 2003/00878583. '945 discloses a chamfering or grooving cutter, figure 1, **6,7** but does not disclose that is rotatably retained by the arm that also carries the drill.. '583, figures 4 and 12, teaches, on a lens-drilling arm, a chamfering stone and grooving cutter **836a,b**, for working the edge of the lens. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill to have provided '945 with the chamfering

stone or grooving cutter on the drill arm, as taught by '583, [0003] to allow the stone or cutter to be properly positioned relative to the edge of the lens.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Other similar devices are cited of interest.
8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to M Rachuba whose telephone number is 703-308-1361. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Hail, can be reached on (703) 308-2687. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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